

SENATE RESOLUTION 25
By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor the City of Millington, Tennessee on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to join with the citizens of the cities and counties of this great State in celebrating joyous and historic occasions in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Millington are most assuredly deserving of special recognition, as they will soon commemorate that fair city's centennial; and

WHEREAS, founded in the 1870s and named for plantation owner George Millington, who donated the land for the founding of the town, Millington offers a small town quality of life, replete with school, church and civic activities to share in with friends and neighbors, while still proffering the benefits of convenient proximity to the booming metropolis of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Millington has a strong military tradition, as it was previously home to Park Field, an Army Signal Corps aviation school where pilots and ground crew were trained for combat in World War I, which later evolved into the Memphis Air Naval Station; the Navy still maintains an active presence in Millington with the Navy Personnel Command Center; and

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WHEREAS, the residents of Millington can boast of a rich practice of collectively celebrating family values and patriotism; Cotton Country Days, International Goat Days, the Flag City Freedom Celebration, regular appearances by the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Navy's Blue Angels and weekend musical performances at the Strand Theater attract both locals and tourists to participate in the cultural tapestry of this remarkable locale; and

WHEREAS, for ten years, the USA Stadium in Millington was the home to the United States Olympic baseball team and has served as the venue for many national tournaments, including the Service Academy Classic and the Junior College World Series; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the City of Millington hosted the Tennessee Bicentennial train, the celebration of which was made complete by the presence of old-fashioned games and a pioneer encampment; and

WHEREAS, the administration of seven colleges have wisely chosen to establish satellite campuses in Millington, offering members of the community abundant opportunities to broaden their horizons and to further their education without relocating; and

WHEREAS, the City of Millington is truly one of the great municipalities in Tennessee and has been a catalyst for positive change in our State and nation throughout its illustrious existence; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor this fine city and her citizenry as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the citizens of the City of Millington upon the celebration of their centennial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.